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| **Abstract:** | Resolution 95 was approved at WTSA-16 in order to raise awareness on best practices and policies related to quality of service. The main modifications proposed to this resolution supplement the instruction to SG12 to standardize methodologies of visualization of availability and quality of mobile broadband Internet services by a mobile broadband map. Once implemented, the interactive mobile broadband map will serve as a useful tool for keeping consumers informed about services offered by operators but also a powerful tool for regulators to monitor quality of services. |
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Introduction

Mobile broadband Internet access services are widely used by most people in daily life. According to [ITU-D statistics](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Statistics/Pages/stat/default.aspx), there are more than 6 billion active mobile broadband subscriptions worldwide. Mobile service is becoming an intense competition market that require service providers to fully control and guarantee the availability and quality of service for customers. It is also the mandate of the regulator/authority to protect consumers by monitoring the QoS provisioning as well as encouraging and enforcing when needed. A popular approach is to measure QoS parameters and benchmark against minimum standards. However, the drawback of this method is that it can only provide a merely instant view for quality of service in a particular place and time. There are some operators/regulators already implementing and providing to consumers map-based information of coverage and QoS including signal strength, speed of Internet access, etc. The coverage maps provide an overview of the availability of mobile services for all operators identifying areas in which the level of coverage is optimal, limited, or even non-existent.

Among the challenges of creating such mapping initiatives is that there is no uniform methodology of data collection to characterize the map; map’s characteristics (i.e., geographical spatial resolution, mobile coverage and speed, etc). ITU-T Recommendations for developing the map and standardizing its characteristics will resolve such challenge to facilitate implementation of broadband mapping.

Proposal

APT Member administrations propose to revise Resolution 95 to instruct ITU-T groups to develop Recommendations as a uniform standard for visualization maps for checking and verifying availability and QoS/QoE of mobile broadband Internet services, which will be facilitate the user’s choice of Internet service.

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RESOLUTION 95 (Rev. Geneva, 2022)

ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector initiatives to raise awareness
on best practices and policies related to service quality

(Hammamet, 2016; Geneva, 2022)

The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (Geneva, 2022),

considering

*a)* that, in accordance with No. 13 in Article 1 of the ITU Constitution, the Union shall in particular "facilitate the worldwide standardization of telecommunications, with a satisfactory quality of service";

*b)* that the strategic plan for the Union for 2016-2019, approved in Resolution 71 (Rev. Busan, 2014) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, defines, as one of the ITU's strategic objectives, providing for worldwide connectivity and interoperability, improved performance, quality, affordability and timeliness of service and overall system economy in radiocommunications, including through the development of international standards;

*c)* that the aforementioned strategic plan further defines, as one of the ITU's values, the commitment to deliver high-quality services and maximize satisfaction of beneficiaries and stakeholders,

recalling

*a)* that Resolution 200 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) of the Plenipotentiary Conference defines, among the Connect 2020 global telecommunication/information and communication technology (ICT) goals and targets, Goal 2: Inclusiveness – Bridge the digital divide and provide broadband for all;

*b)* that Resolution 196 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) of the Plenipotentiary Conference instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau to bring to the attention of decision-makers and national regulatory authorities the importance of keeping users and consumers informed about the quality of the different services offered by operators, and of other protection mechanisms promoting consumer and user rights;

*c)* that Resolution 196 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) invites Member States, Sector Members and Associates to make contributions that allow the dissemination of best practices and policies related to service quality;

*d)* that Resolution 196 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) invites the Member States to promote policies that foster the provision of telecommunication services in a manner that delivers suitable quality to the users;

*e)* that Resolution 131 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) of the Plenipotentiary Conference resolves that ITU should strengthen its coordination with other relevant international organizations involved in the collection of ICT data, and establish a standardized set of indicators through the Partnership for Measuring ICT for Development, improving the availability and quality of ICT data and indicators and fostering the development of strategies and national, regional and international public policy,

recognizing

*a)* that the transparent and collaborative collection and dissemination of quality indicators and statistics that measure and provide comparative analyses of advancements in the use and adoption of ICTs continue to be a major factor for supporting socio-economic growth;

*b)* that quality indicators and their analysis provide governments and stakeholders with a mechanism to better understand key drivers of telecommunication/ICT adoption and assist in ongoing national policy formulation;

*c)* that mobile broadband Internet services play a fundamental role in fulfilling the Sustainable Development Goals and so mapping and gathering information about its service availability and quality are critical issues for developing and making informed regulatory decisions;

*d)* that it is necessary for operators to provide objective, understandable, real information for users to make an informed choice of mobile broadband Internet services and to check and verify the availability and quality of their mobile broadband Internet services,

taking into account

*a)* Resolution 101 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on Internet protocol (IP)-based networks;

*b)* the Dubai Declaration under the theme "Broadband for sustainable development", adopted by the World Telecommunication Development Conference in 2014;

*c)* Resolution 140 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on ITU's role in implementing the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society and in the overall review by United Nations General Assembly of their implementation,

noting

*a)* that Study Group 12 of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU‑T) is the lead study group on quality of service (QoS) and quality of experience (QoE), assigned with the task of coordinating QoS and QoE activities within ITU‑T and with other standards development organizations (SDOs) and forums, and developing frameworks to improve collaboration;

*b)* that Study Group 12 is the parent group for the QoS Development Group (QSDG),

acknowledging

the relevant work being conducted by QSDG on operational and regulatory discussions on QoS and QoE, and its important role in fostering collaboration between operators, technical solutions suppliers and regulators in an open debate on new strategies to deliver better quality of services to users,

resolves that the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector

1 continue to develop the necessary Recommendations on performance, QoS and QoE;

2 develop Recommendations on interactive online mapping that visualization of mobile broadband availability and QoS/QoE;

3 in close collaboration with the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU‑D), develop initiatives to raise awareness of the importance of keeping users informed about the quality of the services offered by operators;

4 in close collaboration with ITU‑D and the ITU regional offices, provide references that assist developing[[1]](#footnote-1)1 and least developed countries in establishing a national quality measurement framework suitable to perform QoS and QoE measurement;

5 organize workshops, training programmes and further initiatives to promote wider participation of regulators, operators and suppliers in the international debate on service quality and raise awareness of the importance of QoS and QoE measurement,

instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau

in order to implement *resolves* 2 and 4 above, to continue to support the activities of QSDG for open operational and regulatory discussions among regulators, operators and suppliers about new strategies to deliver better QoS and QoE to users,

instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau, in close collaboration with the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau

1 to assist developing and least developed countries in identifying human and institutional capacity-building opportunities for establishing national quality measurement frameworks;

2 to conduct activities in each region in order to identify and prioritize the problems faced by developing and least developed countries related to the provision of acceptable service quality to users;

3 based on results of *instructs*2 above, to assist developing and least developed countries in elaborating and implementing actions to improve service quality and keep users informed,

instructs study groups of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector, according to their mandate

1 to elaborate Recommendations providing guidance to regulators in regard to defining strategies and testing methodologies to monitor and measure QoS and QoE;

2 to study QoS and QoE evaluation scenarios, measurement strategies and testing tools to be adopted by regulators and operators;

3 to study and provide guidance to regulators in regard to sampling methodologies for QoS measurements at a local, national and global level;

4 to provide references relating to minimal satisfactory key performance and key quality indicators for evaluating the quality of services;

5 to implement strategies to raise participation of developing and developed countries from all regions in all their activities,

invites the membership

1 to collaborate with ITU‑T in implementing this resolution;

2 to participate in ITU‑T Study Group 12 and QSDG initiatives by providing contributions, expertise, knowledge and practical experiences relating to the work of Study Group 12.

1. 1 These include the least developed countries, small island developing states, landlocked developing countries and countries with economies in transition. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)